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CRISIS IN HANDLOOM INDUSTRY
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the handloom industry is in crisis due to the large scale import of cheap garments from the foreign countries;

(b) if so, whether the Government have formulated any action plan to save the handloom industry of the country from the crisis; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA)

(a) The major part of the production in handloom sector broadly consists of fabrics and made-ups. Most of the share of handloom fabrics goes into the production of made-up items and the share of conversion into garments is minimal at present. Therefore, the handloom industry is not being affected at present by the import of cheap garments from foreign countries.

(b) & (c) Does not arise. However, in general, the Government is implementing the following development and welfare schemes for the handloom sector:-

1. Deen Dayal Hathkargha Protsahan Yojana

2. Handloom Export Scheme.

3. Integrated Handloom Training Programme

4. Market Promotion Programme

5. Mill Gate Price Scheme
6. Setting up Marketing Complex

7 Reimbursement of CENVAT on Hank Yarn.

8. Scheme for reimbursement of one time rebate @ 10% given by the handloom agencies on sale of handloom cloth during 2002-03 to 2004-05.

9. Welfare Schemes:

a) Health Package Scheme
b) Group Insurance Scheme
c) New Insurance Scheme
d) Thrift Fund Scheme
e) Bunkar Bima Yojana
f) Workshed-cum-Housing Scheme.